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<b>AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111</b>		Attorney Docket Confirmation No.	R0066C DIV
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		Application Number	Not Yet Assigned
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		Group Art Unit	1632
		Examiner Name	P. Paras
		Title	<i>Human aggrecanase and nucleic acid compositions encoding the same</i>

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.115)

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the specification and claims as follows: